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June 30, 2008

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Sr., Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
10th Floor, General Assembly Building  
910 Capitol Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Senator Colgan:

Pursuant to Item 311 E of the 2007 *Appropriations Act*, the Department of Mental Health (DMHMRSAS), Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is required to submit by June 30 each year a report on *A Policy and Plan to Provide and Improve Access to Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for Children and Adolescents.*

This budget item directs this department, in cooperation with the Office of Comprehensive Services, Community Services Boards, Court Service Units, and representatives from community policy and management teams representing various regions of the Commonwealth to develop an integrated policy and plan, including the necessary legislation and budget amendments, to provide and improve access by children, including juvenile offenders to mental health, substance abuse, and mental retardation services.

The Child and Family Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee (CFBHPPC) requested stakeholder group to study children's services and advise the department regarding necessary changes in services. This report details activities for 2007-2008 and includes the committee's recommendations for fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

Please feel free to contact me or the department's Office of Child and Family Services if you have any questions regarding the attached report at (804) 371-2184.

Sincerely,

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James S. Reinhard, M.D.

Enc.

Cc: Hon. Marilyn B. Tavenner, Secretary, Health and Human Resources  
Hon. R. Edward Houck  
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The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chair  
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